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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Secretary of the Army
The Secretary of the Navy
The Secretary of the Air Force
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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- The President has approved the following actions incident to Berlin contingencies;
- a. The deployment to Europe of the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment with attached intelligence detachment at an approximate strength of 2800 officers and men.
- b. The prepositioning in Europe of the equipment of one armored division and one infantry division.
- c. The deployment to Europe, starting as early as possible but not later than 1 November 1961, of eleven tactical squadrons, their supporting units and one control group of the Air National Guard.
- d. Return from Europe to the continental United States of seven squadrons of the Tactical Air Command.
- e. The revision of planning for Exercise LONG THRUST to include elements of the Fourth Infantry Division in place of the 101st Airborne Division, and to provide for the rotation of battle groups from the Fourth Infantry Division through a series of such exercises so as to retain indefinitely in Europe two battle groups plus supporting elements.

2. It is the Secretary's desire that:

a. The Secretaries of the Military Departments proceed with implementation of the above actions as they affect their particular.

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- b. This office be informed by memorandum of the details of actions to include key scheduling dates, together with proposals to finance these actions through re-programming where the requirement was not specifically provided for by the '62 appropriations, and required manpower adjustments.
- c. The Army manpower requirements for port and caretaker detachments to support the approved actions be as austere as possible with a total of 3000 as the goal.
- d. The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, advise USCINCEUR and other appropriate commanders of these actions and take necessary action incident to paragraph 1 e. above.
- This memorandum is classified "secret" because of the content of paragraph 1 b. and e.

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